

REMARKS

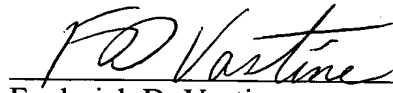
Claims 16 and 17 have been canceled. Claims 18-37 remain active in the case.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the form of Claims 18 and 34. Accordingly, Claims 16 and 17 have been canceled and Claims 19-33 and 35-37 have been made dependent on Claim 18 either directly or indirectly. It is therefore believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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